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We are trying to get the final activities of the year straight. We all have our jobs, families and activities. I will try to do my part and help you do your part. We have had many good people volunteering for GARS.

Our volunteers are doing many activities for public service around the community. The most recent is the Kidney walk. This walk is in its second year and had support of GARS and Alford volunteers with Atlanta Radio Club using the repeater for talk-in. This is what the ARRL calls affiliated clubs helping each other out with a common cause.

GARS Ham of The Year will be announced at the Christmas Party. Let any elected officer know your preference in October and November. This is an active person who promotes GARS and amateur radio.

The Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for the Saturday December 14, 7:00 pm eating time. The location will be announced soon

GARS has a tower we bought from a club member. We can use a volunteer to pick up this tower. We will probably need a crew to help rework the

trailer to replace the portable tower GARS had. The portable tower was great for field day and demos.

I went to Richards Middle School to see how the Ham School program is doing. It looks very good. We have dates for meetings set for the year both at Richards and Sweetwater Middle Schools. Richards is second and fourth Tuesdays. Sweetwater is first and third Wednesday. Scott Hartlage, KG4PWI; Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; Sharon Carter, KG4HKO, Bill Carter, KG4FXG, with some Susan, AF4FO and Mike Swiderski, K4HBI help, are the primary volunteers. If you can spare an afternoon after school time, please share an amateur interest of yours. The kids like the variety. Station and antenna work will be done at Richards later this fall.

Mary and I went to Canada a month ago and we managed to get in a spontaneous breakfast eyeball QSO with the officers in the Mississauga Amateur Radio Club next to Toronto in Canada. Their club was finishing a communications trailer project that was like the Scientific Atlanta Trailer GARS used to use for field day.

See you all at the next meeting!

## *The President's Key*

*By Bill Ahls, ABOKF, GARS President*

**THE GARZETTE**

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**THE GARZETTE****GARS Elmers**

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

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W8KJM, Barney Barnes (APRS)

If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette at N1TOQ@arrl.net or call 678-339-2605.

**STAY CONNECTED!**

- Call the nets
- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List
- Check the Website

## GARS Meeting Minutes

### October 17, 2002

*Submitted by J. Morgan Ringold, KG4PAN,  
GARS Secretary*

President Bill Ahls opened meeting at 7:35.

*Introduction of officers and members.*

#### **Program:**

- Ice Cream QSO 7:35 - 8:35
- 8:35 - Club Business
- *VP Report*
- Net Month's Program - Venture Crew Annual Report.
- *Secretary's Report*
- Last Months meeting minutes approved.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Only unusual Spending: \$328 - Insurance on Equipment, \$20.00 - SERA  
\$5000 of club funds placed in a Certificate of Deposit.

#### **Activities Report**

December - Christmas Party - Mary needs volunteer to assist with door prizes.  
E-mail Mary if interested at w4nzj@arrl.net.

January - 1 hour of ARES instruction. ARES exam will be available at that time.

#### **Membership**

New Members voted in: KD4CUI - John, KG4GMV - Wendell, KG4FZU-Rob, KM6WM - Earl, WA4YIH - Ed, KE4IKF - Amy

#### **Visitors:**

N8IAA - Lawrence

#### **School Report**

- Sweetwater - 4 interested students. Doing both hands-on and instructional lessons.
- Richards - 11 at first meeting and 9 at second meeting.

#### **Repeater Report**

David - KA4KKF - PA went out last month but is now repaired on 2 meter repeater.

#### **Publicity**

“Worked all GA” award. 159 counties in the state.

Alford Memorial Ham Fest - Volunteers needed for GARS table.

#### **Issues and Miscellaneous**

Club Member Don Ray transferred to another church. Since there is no longer a connection between GARS and the church a new meeting location may be required. This could also interfere with the Christmas Party location.

AK8E - Jim Flournoy SK in July - Was a GARS member for many years.

Oct 26 - between 9 and 11 - Emergency Communications Exercise.

Picnic this Sat (10/19) has been cancelled.

New Alford Repeater open to GARS members: 147.255 PL 107.2  
*Meeting adjourned at 9:30*

## **GARS**

### **Officers**

#### **President**

Bill Ahls, ABOKF

#### **Vice President**

Victor Gann, N2VG

#### **Secretary**

J. Morgan Ringold, KG4PAN

#### **Treasurer**

Dan Keohan, KF4YSU

#### **Activities Manager**

Mary Ahls, W4NZJ

#### **Board Of Directors**

Howie Gould, W9HG

Susan Swiderski, AF4FO

David Adcock, KA4KKF

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OPEN

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Carter Wood, AG4LK

#### **CW Net Manager**

Ron Langston, WE5O

#### **Technical Advisory**

OPEN

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## "Worked All Georgia" Award

I thought you'd like to know that one of your sister clubs here, Atlanta Radio Club, is sponsoring a new award: a "Worked All Georgia" Award. As you know, Georgia is a bewildering patchwork of 159 counties, second in number only to Texas. So, ever prone to finding something good in everything, we've come up with a challenge: try to make 2-way contact with at least one ham in each of these 159 counties.

Because there are so many counties, and because some of the counties have few (maybe 0) hams, there are intermediate awards for 50 and 100 counties. And this award will tie nicely into the Georgia QSO party (maybe a "WAG-a-thon"?). And perhaps we'll even have some mobile Georgia "DXpeditions" to hard-to-get counties to add to the fun.

If not too much to ask, we'd appreciate it if you could announce the award in your newsletter and post a link on your club website. Further information is available at:  
<http://www.saf.com/arc/wagaward.htm>.  
<<http://www.saf.com/arc/wagaward.htm>>

Thanks a lot, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, require any further information, or have any suggestions for ways to improve the award or make it more fun.

73,  
Skip Kazmarek (KG4TUL)



In this picture from left to right at the back is: Rodolfo KG4OJN, Manuel KF4RLZ, Bill AB0KF, Danny Glover, and Dwight KG4FJF. In the front from left to right is EJ Evans, Kristin Evans and Mary W4NZJ.

## Amateur Radio Volunteers, September 28, Hurt Park, Atlanta

The kidney walk was a success thanks to GARS, Alford Memorial, and Atlanta RC. GARS and Alford provided the Hams with the ARC providing the repeater. We had no unusual events like last year's parade rerouting. Of all volunteers, we were about the first on the job at 6:30 AM at Hurt Park. I heard some water volunteers asking, as the walk was coming to a conclusion, where are their positions? The simplex communications were easy to use for everyone. The Atlanta repeater did well for talk-in and was available to everyone via HT by all positions at the walk. And the weather was great with no rain or heat. The route was a one-mile rectangle, and no one signed up for the two-mile. We started at Hurt Park from Gilmer Street close to GSU to line-up by right on Peachtree Center Ave. Then a right turn was made on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue. The ext right was on Jesse Hill Jr. The last right was on Edgewood Ave to get back to the park on the left. All people finished in Hurt Park. Steve N4SEG walked the route and he said it was easy. Thanks to the 14 ham volunteers and two non-ham volunteers Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM; Scott Hartlage, KF4PWI; Robert Tyler, KF4VBR; Steve Garrison, N4SEG; Bill Ahls, AB0KF; Mary Ahls, W4NZJ; Dwight Evans, KG4FJF; (EJ & Kristin Evans); Manuel Dominguez, KF4RLZ; Rodolfo Ruiz, KG4OJN; John Davis, WB4QDX; Bruce Reavis, KG4MQL; and Carl Plotz, WB9JSW.

After the walk, some of use looked at the tables set up with a variety of health displays. The actor Danny Glover was promoting the National Kidney Foundation with this stop in Atlanta on his schedule of places to visit. This picture was made with some volunteers just before he was escorted to his next stop.

## National Kidney Foundation Walk

## GARS Club Meeting Notice

The GARS November Meeting is at the GJAC Auditorium for 3rd Thursday.

This is by Highway 29 and Langley through the traffic light by the Methodist Church.

21 November, 7:30 PM.

We will have the Venture Crew 73 program and more update on the new church meeting dates and location.

Talk-in on 147.075, pl 82.5



Here is that morning picture. In the picture are; at left, sitting; Gerry Pare, VE3GEA, Bill Ahls, AB0KF and Mary Ahls, W4NZJ. Standing, from left, are John Duffy, VE3DRZ, Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, and Lorne Jackson, VE3CXT. We talked of projects and volunteers. (Mississauga Amateur Radio Organization)

## Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House

5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by  
meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

#### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from  
Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Shoney's Restaurant  
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### Second Thursday

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

#### **East Atlanta LAN**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### Third THURSDAY

#### **Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society**

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship  
hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)

### First Saturday

#### **North GA QRP Club**

Wiecu Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/Wiecu,  
10 AM  
Tues. Night Nets,PSK31 at 8:00 PM 3580 khz,  
9:00 PM FIM net on 145.41 mhz ,  
CW at 9:30 PM 3568.4 khz  
Contact Russ AE4NY....770-457-0371

## Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### First Sunday

WCARS VEC

2:00 PM

(Except July and September)

Johnson High School

3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainsville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### Third Saturday

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist  
Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### First Saturday

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building

7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### Second Tuesday

7:00PM

Walton EMC

3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

### Fourth Friday

W5YI VEC

7:00 PM

St. John Neumann Church  
801 Tom Smith Road  
Lilburn  
Headphones Provided!  
Howie Gould, W9HG  
(770)921-8362

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## GARS Communication System

### 6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) MHz 82.5 PL

### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### 2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz

82.5 PL Tone

### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### Remote Receive Sites

Bogon Road, Buford  
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### 70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz

82.5 PL

### Main Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### Remote Receive Sites

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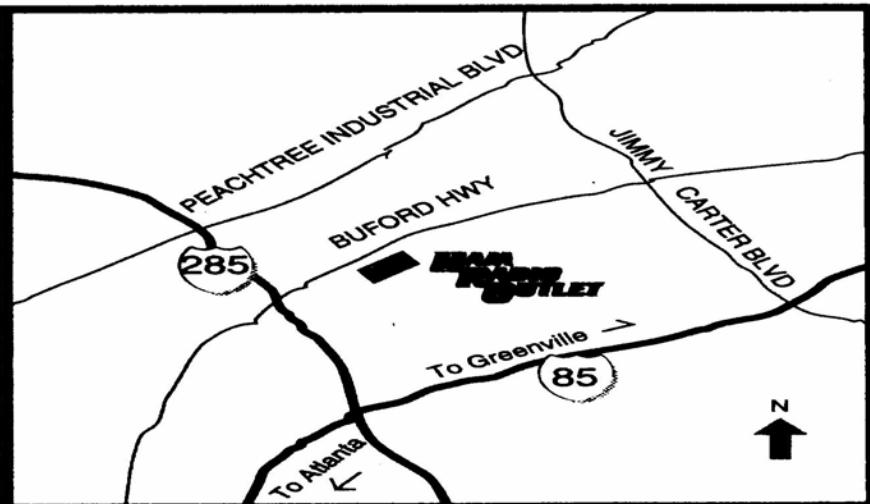
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**November, 2002**  
Executive Committee  
2nd-3rd Lawrenceville  
Ham Fest  
21st GARS Club Meeting

**December, 2002**  
Executive Committee  
14th GARS Holiday Party  
(Location TBD)

**January, 2003**  
Executive Committee  
16th GARS Club Meeting  
25th Tech Fest (tent.)

**February 2003**  
Executive Committee  
GARS Club Meeting  
(Location and Time TBD)